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DEVELOPMENT FOOD SECURITY ACTIVITIES

Relief Society of Tigray/ETHIOPIA

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FOOD FOR PEACE CONTRIBUTIONS

FY 2018: \$42.6 million, 38,565 MT **Planned FY 2016-2021:** \$192.8 million, 233,850 MT

PSNP OVERVIEW

- Since 2005, USAID Office of Food for Peace (FFP) partners in Ethiopia have supported the Government of Ethiopia-led Productive Safety Net Program (PSNP) to address the basic food needs of approximately 8 million chronically food-insecure people through the predictable transfer of food and cash resources, while supporting the creation of community assets that generate economic benefit to the communities as a whole.
- The PSNP IV, being implemented from 2015-2020, aims to transition from food security activities to a social protection system by integrating safety nets, women's empowerment, gender equity, livelihoods support, and nutrition activities under one system.
- Ethiopia continues its efforts to integrate PSNP with emergency feeding activities to create a continuum of response—a flexible system that ensures chronically and acutely vulnerable households can maintain their food security in the face of recurrent shocks.



PARTNER ACTIVITIES

- USAID/FFP partner the Relief Society of Tigray (REST) aims to enhance the resilience of more than 523,642 vulnerable people in I2 woredas, or districts, of Tigray by reducing vulnerability to shocks and stresses, increasing agricultural production, increasing income and livelihood opportunities, and improving the nutrition status of pregnant and lactating women and children under two years of age.
- REST focuses on improving food security by promoting sustainable watershed management, using participatory approaches, and focusing on youth. Additionally, REST focuses on the cross-cutting priorities of gender equality and women's empowerment, climate change adaptation, social accountability and governance, and human and institutional capacity development.

HIGHLIGHTS

- REST supports Ethiopian farmers in reducing vulnerabilities through crop insurance, disaster risk reduction activities to better manage natural resources, and by providing timely early warning data about pending adverse weather.
- To increase access to productive assets among poor households, REST
 is targeting 5,000 households with livelihood transfers, a combination of
 activities that include a cash transfer to purchase productive assets,
 skills training, savings services, and personalized coaching.
- REST focuses livelihood transfers on landless youth and women-headed households, who often lack access to productive resources, financial services, and technology, making them vulnerable to shocks and stresses.



GOAL: Enhanced resilience to shocks and improved food, nutrition and livelihood security among vulnerable women and men in 12 woredas of Tigray

Purpose 1: Reduced vulnerability to shocks and stresses among women and men

Purpose 2: Agricultural production and productivity among vulnerable women and men in households improved

Purpose 3: Improved sustainable livelihoods of vulnerable women, men and youth groups

Purpose 4: Reduced malnutrition among children under five and pregnant and lactating mothers